(b) if so, (1) would the Government be pleased to give a list of such societies with amount due noted against each; and

(2) the period during which each such amount has been so due?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Yes; but the right of collecting them was assigned to the Central Bank.

(b) (1) A list giving the information is appended. (*Appendix XXI.*)

(2) All the amounts had been outstanding from 1095 and earlier.

Caste-war statement of officers drawing Rs. 50 or above and less.

626. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—(1) Will the Government be pleased to state the number of (1) Caste Hindus (2) Non-Caste Hindus (3) Christians (4) Muslims and (5) other castes in the Revenue Department drawing a monthly salary of

(a) Rs. 50 and above (b) less than Rs. 50;

(2) and mention the steps taken by the Head of the Department in the last two years for giving adequate representation to those communities which are not adequately represented in that Department, giving a statement containing the number from each of the above five classes appointed in the Department in the last two years.

Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—(1) A statement giving the necessary particulars is appended. (*Appendix XXII.*)

(2) The claims of unrepresented communities in the matter of appointments and confirmations have been given preferential consideration. Vide the statement referred to.

Prospects of future reclamation for Agriculture.

627. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.—Will the Government be pleased to state;—

(a) the total number of acres under cultivation during each of the last five years in the State;

(b) the prospects of future reclamation for Agriculture here;

(c) the total area of uncultivated land-accretions and other kinds of barren land and whether they will consider the benefits of converting them into large scale State or Co-operative Model Farms;

(d) what active programme of organisation of Agricultural territory will be undertaken by them?

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Mr. U. Kandar Menon.—(a)

1103	..	507,469·69 acres.
1104	..	507,964·78 ,,
1105	..	508,371·65 ,,
1106	..	508,387·21 ,,
1107	..	508,579·84 ,,

N. B.—These figures include the area of both dry and wet lands.

(b) New areas are being thrown open almost every year for cultivation.

(c) Information is being collected.

(d) The Government are taking all possible steps to increase the extent of land under cultivation by assigning all unassigned lands fit for the purpose.

Nelliampathy Hills—Coolies.

628. **Mr. K.G. Nayar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether coolies working on the hills are given rice at four measures a rupee;

(b) how many measures of rice are given to the coolies working in the plains for a rupee;

(c) whether any representations were made to the Government regarding the hardships of coolies working in the hills?

Mr. T. Narayana Menon.—(a) No. Rice is given at six measures a rupee in the hills.

(b) Eleven.

(c) None as far as could be ascertained.

Industrial loans granted.

629. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—Will the Government be pleased to give an account of their disbursement of Industrial loans and of the working of the concerns to which they have extended State-aid?

Mr. P. V. Subramania Ayyar.—(1) Rs. 10,588—Advances made by the Director of Public Instruction.

(2) Rs. 62,488—10—0 to Vaniampara Rubber Company.

(3) Rs. 2,77,400 to the Sita Ram Spinning and Weaving Mills.

(4) Rs. 1,21,755—0—9 to the Cochin Tanneries.

The last alone is not working now.

Working capital of Co-operative Societies.

630. **Mr. K. M. Ibrahim.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

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